NEW GYM PLANS DELAYED
Long discussed athletic center at a halt

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Rider achieved its financial goal of $55 million last year, but still there isn’t an athletic center. Even though the layout and design were done over a year ago, there is still no progress on the facility’s construction.

“We have no new information to provide,” said Curt Blake, Athletic Director.

Because of President Mordechai Rozanski’s busy schedule, their first meeting will be in a couple of weeks.

“With the new president, we haven’t had time to meet,” said Blake. “Our first meeting is in two weeks. After that, we will sit down and evaluate where we are and the right course of action to take.”

The athletic center, which will be built adjacent to the Alumni Gym, will have a 3,000 seat arena, state of the art fitness rooms and expanded locker rooms. There are also plans for a renovation of current facilities to create a glass enclosed gymnasium housing a fitness and weight training center.

A conceptual design of the planned Sports and Recreation Center which is to be built behind the existing Alumni Gym.

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Dr. Jonathan Millen, professor of communications, said that he has noticed an increase in plagiarism in the past few years.

“I would say that there is an epidemic of students plagiarizing from the Internet,” he said.

Dr. Mary Moore, assistant professor of English, said that she has had experiences with plagiarism, specifically one that occurred last year in an intensive writing class. According to Moore, she received two papers that were practically identical. After speaking to both students involved, she discovered that one student, while reviewing the other’s paper, had saved his peer’s work to his own disc. He later used the information to write his own paper.

“That was the worst case of plagiarism I’ve encountered,” Moore said. “It was one student violating another student’s trust.”

Not all professors have noticed a marked increase in cheating and plagiarism.

“I haven’t personally seen an increase in cheating lately,” said Dr. Michael Epstein, professor of psychology. “I would think that it would be more probable in upper level classes with small enrollment who have term papers. I have two lecture classes of over a hundred students, so I rely on objective tests.”

According to Rider’s The Source, there are several different types of plagiarism, such as
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Plagiarism is escalating

By Laura Sass
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Plagiarism, as well as other forms of cheating, has been on the rise at Rider University, according to John LeMasney, manager of Instructional Technology.

LeMasney gave a presentation entitled “The Rise of Plagiarism in the University Environment” on Thursday, Sept. 25, in Swiegert auditorium, to which Rider faculty was invited.

“I was trying to provide a look at the causes of plagiarism and what can be done to prevent it,” said LeMasney. “Faculty has been saying that plagiarism is increasing. There is a strong rise in cheating.”

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Dangers of drinking and wisdom of mothers are discussed.

Weekend Weather
Cloudy and Rainy

Rider goes to school
By Brooke Olster
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Students who are interested in law enforcement or the criminal justice system now have an opportunity to learn directly from police officers every week. Rider has recently paired up with the Lawrence Police Department (LFD) and has been offering a course solely for Rider students, faculty and staff for the first time.

The course, called Citizen’s Police Academy, is offered every Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at LFD Headquarters. The interactive class began on Sept. 24 and will run until Oct. 29. The course is offered free-of-charge.

“This is a great way for the Rider community to strengthen its relationship with the LFD,” said Anthony Campbell, dean of students.

Sports
The ice hockey team begins its season tonight.

Planned Amenities For New Facility:
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• New Fitness Center
• Sports Medicine Center
• Rider Hall of Fame
• Indoor Jogging Track
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The band Stillicide is profiled and roommates learn to get along.